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Whose Is It?

Some one, from Hudson, Iowa, sends us \$1.50 but fails to state what the money is for, and does not even give his name or address. The stamp on the envelope fortunately was clear enough to indicate the address. But who sent the money and what is it for? The amount being \$1.50 we could even guess what it is intended for, but we can not guess the name of the person who sent it nor shall we try for that would not be a very safe method. Will the sender please inform us what his name is? We should like to receipt for the money and give the proper credit where it belongs, but can not until we hear from him.

Church News

Again we must remind our correspondents that "Church News," to insure early insertion, must reach us not later than Saturday morning and earlier if possible. On Monday morning of this week we received "Church News" sufficient to fill several pages in the EVANGELIST, evidently intended for this week's issue. There was room for but very little of it. Our readers are aware that we solicit this kind of matter for the paper, and are always pleased to receive it, but we would much like to have it sent in a little earlier. For instance, a notice for communion service to be held Aug. 12, reached us Monday morning Aug. 7. The paper goes out Aug. 9. The place where this communion is to be held is in the State of Kansas, and by the time the paper reaches that State, Aug. 12 will be at hand and probably past. We therefore had to make room for it in this week's paper as the notice would have been useless next week. Such notices should be sent in three weeks prior to the time set for the service. Would it be inconvenient to mail your "Church News" on Monday or Tuesday morning? Then it would reach us Wednesday or Thursday or probably Friday, just when we need that kind of copy. Please do this and your correspondence will always reach the reader fresh.

Please remember that by Saturday evening as a rule the entire paper for the following week, except editorial matter, is in type. What you mail on Saturday reaches this office sometime on Monday, too late for insertion in the following issue, and of course it goes over till the next week. Give us lots of

"Church News," it is just what the reader wants, but mail it a little earlier in the week.

Educational

A good education is capital which you can never exhaust or lose.

"He who binds his soul to knowledge, gains the key of heaven"

The fine new public library and reading room recently fitted up in this city, Ashland, will be of great advantage to the students of the college in the coming years.

The future belongs to the young women and young men who are trained in the colleges—to those who have that clearness of vision, that equilibrium of temper, that accuracy of judgment, that comprehension of the world's problems, that sympathy and love for humanity, which come with the culture and discipline of the Christian college.

"Her Boys" In southern Ohio lives a woman who for years has been supporting worthy young men at one of the colleges. These she affectionately refers to as "her boys," and endeavors to prepare them for the largest usefulness by giving them a college education. When one has finished his course of study and is established in business or a profession, she finds another to educate, and is thus doing a work of noble Christian charity, and a very real and lasting service for humanity. Letters are frequently received here from young men who are longing to attend Ashland College, but cannot on account of lack of means. Who will help them? What wealthy brethren will take a personal interest in these "mute Miltons" or unlettered Pauls and support them during their years of preparation at school so that their lives may be fruitful in great works for the church and the cause of Christ?

Well-meaning parents often pursue the very mistaken course of permitting their children to decide whether they will attend a school for higher education. In this as in other things the youth as well as the child needs intelligent direction and persuasion. The youth is hardly more able to judge of the merits of a higher education than the child is as to whether he ought to study or play. Either will follow his inclination, but inclination is largely a matter of environment and may lead to the wrong in the most important matters. For parents not to act with wisdom and discretion in this matter may be and often is a sin against the child and a crime against humanity. How often does the grown up person, stirred with a sense of his great loss from lack of education, realizing, perhaps but faintly, that there is to man a world of great possibilities whose doors can never swing open to him, that all round him are visions of beauty which his eye can never see, that there is seraphic music to which his soul has not been attuned, that there are heights and depths of love, and joy, which he cannot scale or sound,—how often do such ones, when the opportunities of life are passed forever, say "Would that my parents had sent me to college!" "Would that some one had directed me in the right course or persuaded me in the right way!" Question: Have you done and are you doing your whole duty in this matter? Is there no son, daughter, companion, or friend, who some day may justly reproach you for sinful negligence and indifference with respect to the most important concerns of his or her life?

A case in point as to the above is the example of the mother of that greatest of American women, the late Frances E. Willard. The mother of Miss Willard had a high appreciation of the work of the college and was determined that her children should go, and should secure its advantages. Note what she says in the following:

"The dearest wish of my heart, except that my children shall be Christians, is that they shall be well educated. A good education will open the world to you as a knife opens an oyster. Riches will not do this for riches will not brighten the intellect. An ox and a philosopher look out on the same world, and perhaps the ox has the stronger and handsomer eye of the two, but the difference in the brains behind the eyes makes a difference between the two that is wider than all the seas. I want my children's brains to be full of the best that the great minds have had in all the centuries. I want stored away in their heads the story of what the world was doing before they came,—who were its poets, its painters, and philosophers, its inventors, and lawgivers. I want them to know what is the noblest book, and what men of science have said about the earth, the ocean, and the stars. I want them to be taught to be careful and exact by their knowledge of mathematics: and most of all I want them to learn how to speak and write their own noble English tongue, for without the power of expression one is like an æolian harp where there is no breeze."

Important Notice

The members of the Brethren Publication Board will please take notice that there will be a meeting of the Board at Winona Park, Ind., August 29, 1899 at 6 P. M.

J. M. TOMBAUGH, Pres.

Harvest Meeting

The brethren of the College Corner church, Indiana, will hold their annual harvest meeting the third Sunday in August. Everybody invited.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

Communion Notice

The South Haven class of the Brethren church of Kansas will hold their quarterly love feast on Saturday eve, August 12th. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like faith.

L. G. WOOD.

Montevallo, Mo.

Brother A. J. Hixson held a two weeks' meeting for the Brethren at Walnut Grove commencing June 15th and continued with good interest until Friday evening July 7th. Had a good interest and good attendance all thru the meetings. There were two accessions to the church and others are contemplating upon the many truths they have heard. Brother Hixson preached plain gospel alone doctrine and the brethren here have been greatly revived and encouraged to continue earnestly in the cause of our Master. Brethren pray for us.

I. B. LEEDY.

From the North

To whom this may come, greeting: Altho we have no special news to write you we thought it good to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance that we still exist, neither dead nor dying. No sir, while our head and heart is warm we expect to be sowing the seed by precept and example. I have often wondered how best to talk to children but when I turned to my Savior who was and is the way I find that he called them unto him and blessed them. Therefore we have called the three Junior S. S. classes to come to our own home and on the lawn to enjoy a